

March 20, 1967

Eric E. Newman  
½ Edison Brothers Stores Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

It is my understanding that you will authenticate certain type coins.

I have a 1943-P Five Cent Piece. It is my belief that this coin was struck on a nickel planchet rather than the customary silver.

As far as I know, there has been only two other coins authenticated.

Do you have the facilities to perform this authentication, and if so, how much would you charge?

Truly yours,

*G. F. Hansen*  
G. F. Hansen

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 23, 1967

Mr. G. F. Hansen  
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Dear Mr. Hansen:

I have asked for permission to permit the nondestructive metallic analyzer at the Mint to be used to determine the material with which your coin is made. As soon as I get an answer I will let you know. If that is not possible I believe we would be able to determine from specific gravity whether a standard nickel planchet was used or whether a silver manganese planchet was used.

There would be no charge for our work but you are free to make a donation, if you wish.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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# State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company

Home Office: Bloomington, Illinois

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1968

Missouri-Kansas Office  
Columbia, Missouri  
65201

Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St Louis Mo 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Last year I wrote you regarding the possibility of your authenticating a 1943 nickel.

It is my belief that this nickel is made of a standard nickel planchet. It passes the rim test but I don't know how to actually determine the true content.

If you could authenticate this coin please let me know. Enclosed is a self addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely,

*George F. Hansen*  
George F. Hansen

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 23, 1968

Mr. George F. Hansen

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Dear Mr. Hansen:

Your letter of February 19, 1968 is at hand inquiring about how to check whether your 1943 nickel is made of an old planchet.

The previous planchets were made of 75% copper and 25% nickel.

Why don't you ask the University of Missouri to see if they have a testing machine which will detect the presence of copper and nickel without destroying the coin in any way. This can be done by various X-ray machines. The regular nickels are made of manganese and silver which, no doubt, you are familiar with.

In any event, a tiny amount of metal could be polished off the edge for wet technical analysis.

We hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 26, 1968

Mr. George F. Hansen  
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Dear Mr. Hansen:

Your letter of February 19, 1968 follows your prior inquiry about how to check whether your 1943 nickel is made from a 1942 type planchet. As you know, the older planchets were made of 75% copper and 25% nickel.

Why don't you ask the chemistry department of the University of Missouri to see if they have a testing machine which will detect the presence of copper or nickel without hurting the coin in any way. This can be done by various X-ray techniques. The regular 1943 nickels are made principally of manganese and silver, as you know, and have no nickel and no copper.

If X-ray is not available, then a tiny amount of metal could be polished off the edge for wet chemical analysis.

We hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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